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IMPACT OF LOWER DEPB ON EXPORTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the lowering of Duty Entitlement Pass Book rate has any impact on export;

(b) whether any study has been conducted in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the quantity of items like handicrafts, handlooms silk and other garments exported during the last two years alongwith the value thereof, separately ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) to (c) Duty Entitlement Pass Book Scheme (DEPB) is an Export Promotion Scheme administered under the Foreign Trade Policy and neutralises the incidence of Customs duty on the import content of the export product. The quantum of exports depend on many factors and DEPB is just one of such factors. No study has been conducted by the Department of Commerce in this regard.

(d) Details of quantity and value of items like handicrafts, silk that includes handloom silk and other garments exported during the last two years are contained in the publication `Monthly statistics of Foreign Trade of India Vol.I (Exports)-Annual Number` published by Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics which is available in the Parliament Library.